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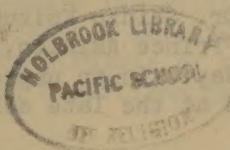
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NIHON LUTHERAN CHURCH ADOPTS PLAN
TO SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSIONARY

Support of a medical missionary to India or Nigeria will be undertaken by the 2,404 baptized members of the Nihon Lutheran Church, according to the decision of the annual delegate conference of the church.

Target date for placing a physician in the field is the summer of 1967, if fund-raising projects now underway are successful. Ongoing support of the missionary once he is in place will be covered by individual contributions by members of the denomination.

The action of the conference reflects a desire to look beyond Japan's needs to the broader requirements of Asia and the world. "Despite the small size of the Nihon Lutheran Church", missionary Deane Schuessler noted, "a preliminary survey indicates that there are ten doctors and many nurses who are active members." "There is a need", it was observed, "to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters of Asia and Africa."

Statistics indicate that Japan has one doctor for every 900 people while India has one for every 6,000 and Nigeria only one for every 45,000.

FOURTEEN NORTH AMERICAN PASTORS TO BEGIN
SPECIAL JAPAN ASSIGNMENT WITH KYODAN

Fourteen Canadian and American pastors will fly to Japan on June 23 to begin a six-week special evangelistic effort with Kyodan (United Church of Christ) pastors in the Tohoku region of northern Honshu. The task force, assisting in the 1966 Japan Summer Evangelism Project, will serve from June 29 to August 14 in more than ten localities of the area.

Drawn from American churches belonging to the Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan, the group of 3 Canadian and 11 American pastors will be led by The Rev. Franklin J. Hinkamp, of the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie, New York. Seven of the pastors will be accompanied by their wives, and all will attend orientation seminars in Tokyo and Sendai before joining their Japanese colleagues to begin work.

DEATH OF NOTED CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR AND IMPERIAL TUTOR
ELICITS UNPRECEDENTED TRIBUTE BY CROWN PRINCE, PRINCESS

Dr. Shinzo Koizumi, past president of Keio University and a tutor to Crown Prince Akihito, died in Tokyo this month on the day after his 78th birthday. In an unprecedented tribute the Crown Prince, with Princess Michiko called at the late scholar's residence to offer condolences to the family.

Born in Tokyo in 1888 as the son of a banker, Dr. Koizumi received the Doctor of Economics Degree in 1934 from the university he was to serve as president until 1947. In 1943 he was made a member of the Japan Academy, and in 1959 was decorated with the Order of Cultural Merit. His service to the Crown Prince began in April 1945 when the young heir-apparent entered junior high school. When Prince Akihito reached senior high school, in 1949, Dr. Koizumi began to give him regular lessons directed toward character development, and after Prince's marriage in April 1959 Dr. Koizumi became "special advisor" to his Household.

Noted as a contributor to The Japan Times and to intellectual magazines, Dr. Koizumi bore the reputation of a man whose view of affairs was calm, direct and steadfast. He bore on his face the mark of recent Japanese storms, for in attempting to rescue his library after the bombing of his home during World War II he received serious facial burns which were to scar him the rest of his life.

Dr. Koizumi was a member of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tokyo.

MINDINAO LABOR LEADER SCORES EXPLOITATION
IN FILIPINO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

At a meeting near Kyoto this month a Mindinao (Philippines) labor leader scored practices of exploitation in modern industry of The Philippines and called for the Christian Church to train labor specialists who will "force the lords of wealth to yield a just and equitable share to the machine tenders."

The national president of the Mindinao Federation of Labor, Cipriano C. Malonzo, delivered his remarks at a conference on Christians in Industry held at the Mt. Hiei Hotel on May 18-25. Sponsored by the East Asia Christian Conference, the 8-day seminar drew 69 delegates and observers from 14 Asian nations, Switzerland, and The United States.

Mr. Malonzo, a Christian, told the delegates that families with annual incomes below Pesos 500 constitute one-fifth of all Filipino families but receive only 5 per cent of total national family income. Conversely, he noted, the four percent of Filipino families with incomes above Pesos 5,000 per year account for one-fourth of the national family income. "The industrialization of our country under the aegis of free enterprise...helps to shape an affluent society", he noted, "(but) it is partial to the entrepreneurs, investors and managerial classes."

The Filipino labor executive went on to trace for the Christian leaders the impact of modern industrial techniques upon the society of his nation. "The competitive norm of the free open market for labor generates impersonal concerns due to the compelling demand for efficiency", he charged. "The human factor very often is considered last...and is reckoned on the basis of its full ability to follow the production line rather than the other way around". He asserted that under prevailing wage scales in factories of The Philippines many workers cannot afford to buy more than one-half the daily food requirements for health.

Delegates to the meeting--drawn from points as distant as West Pakistan and New Zealand, and Switzerland and New York--heard the Filipino unionist concluded his remarks with a ringing appeal for church involvement. "It is natural for the Church to concern Herself in the struggle of the working people", he said. "It must bravely count itself a partisan in the face of such a crusade for justice.."

"The Church", Mr. Malonzo siad, "must by design and effort build up a specialized ministry to be shock troops in the industrial jungle of free market and free enterprise...It must get behind existing movements that insist on the practice of the great Christian tenets."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MODERATOR IN JAPAN AS CONFERENCE SPEAKER AT AMAGI SNASO

The newly elected Moderator of the Southern Baptist Convention (USA), the Rev. Dr. Franklyn Paschall, will come to Japan on June 7 to speak at the first conference on evangelism to be convened by the Japan Baptist Convention.

Dr. Paschall, a 47-year-old Kentuckian, is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. He was elected Moderator of his denomination on May 25, 1966.

LUTHERAN GROUPS IN JOINT RECOGNITION OF EACH OTHER'S ORDERS, SACRAMENTS

Two Japanese Lutheran churches took formal steps to cement their confessional relationship this month when a "pulpit and altar fellowship" was consummated between the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) and the Nihon Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod).

The declaration of fellowship was given unanimous support by the annual conference of clergy and lay delegates of the Nihon Lutheran Church at its April meeting in Shizuoka Prefecture. Dr. Chitose Kishi, president of the JELC and of its seminary, was present when the action was taken. On May 4, at a meeting in the Kyushu city of Kumamoto the JELC added its approval to the action.

Discussion leading to the declaration of fellowship was initiated in 1964 by the Nihon Lutheran Church. Following a meeting between the Doctrinal Unity Committee of the NLC and the Executive Committee of the JELC, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church extended an invitation to the Nihon Lutheran group to join in complete pulpit and altar fellowship. In its statement of overture the JELC noted that "as the representatives of the Nihon Ruteru Kyodan (Hihon Lutheran Church) and the Nippon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokai (JELC) have met

together for consultation, we have realized in Christ that we are one in our view of The Scripture and in our view of the Confessions. Specifically, we believe that the provisions stated in Article V of the Augsburg Confessions have been adequately met. Therefore we are pleased to relate to you our decision to invite you to partake in complete pulpit and altar fellowship with us".

Out of this invitation stemmed the present decision of the two churches.

ASSORTED LINES FOR THE LAYOUT MAN

MEMBERSHIP IN THE JAPAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH reached 14,309 in December 1965. The figure is an increase of 567 over totals for the year before. Another Lutheran body, the Nihon Lutheran Church, reports a baptized membership of 2,404 members.

Japan's chapter of the World Federalism League has elected 11 Christians to its board of directors out of a total directorship of 73.

THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF KAGAWA'S DEATH was marked this month by a prayer meeting at his tomb.

ONE THOUSAND PERSONS GATHERED at Toshima public hall on April 25 to hear Dr. Martin Niemoeller speak on "World Peace and Christianity".